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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION - March '49 - States - Merger Rulers privy purse - Fixation etc. - Papers Recorded.

EXTRACT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS DATED 23-3-1949.

Privy purses granted to Rulers.

*983 Q. - ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR (on behalf of Mohamed Abdul Salam Sahib Bahadur): Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state --

(a) whether the privy purses granted to Rulers, whose States have been merged with the Madras Province, are being paid by the Provincial Government;

(b) what the names of such Rulers and the amounts that are being paid to them by the Provincial Government annually are ; and

(c) whether the Central Government have consulted the Provincial Government in the matter of fixation of such privy purses which have to be paid by the Provincial Government ?

THE HON. SRI B.GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) : - " (a) The answer is in the affirmative. The allowance is debitable to the Provincial portion of the States' collective account under '54.A. Territorial and Political pensions.'

"(b) The Rulers are His Highness the Raja of Pudukkottai and His Highness the Nawab of Banganapalle. His Highness the Raja of Pudukottai is being paid a privy purse of rupees 2,66,500 per annum and His Highness the Nawab of Banganapalle is being paid a privy purse of Rs.53,900 per annum.

"(c) The privy purse has been fixed by the Central Government in each case on the basis of the average revenue of the State concerned, after consulting this Government."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: - "May I know whether the amounts paid are a charge on the Madras Government or on the Government of India? "

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THE HON.SRI B.GOPALAREDDI : - " As I have stated in the first part of the answer, they are debitable to the Provincial portion of the States collective account. I think they will be in the suspense account."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : - "Sir, has not His Highness the Raja of Pudukottai submitted a memorandum to the Government of Madras that certain amounts belonging to his private account which were in the State treasury have not been drawn by him when he agreed to the merger and have not been drawn even now ? May I know whether the Government of Madras or the Government of India have taken any action on the memorandum ?"

THE HON.SRI B.GOPALA REDDI: - " Whatever representatio is received by this Government will be forwarde to the Government of India who will ultimately pass final orders."

SRI N.VENKATASUBBAYYA: - " May I ask, Sir, if the allowances given to the dependants of the Nawab of Banganapalle are given separately or if they are debited to the privy purse of Nawab ?"

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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI : - " I think, Sir, it is the aggregate amount paid to the Ruler and all his relations. I am not quite sure. A ~~XXXXXXX~~ Separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI K.BRAHMANANDAM REDDI : - " I want to know, Sir, whether the privy purse is arbitrarily fixed or whether it bears any proportion to the revenues of the State concerned

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI : - "It is definite percentage of the revenues of the State. They have taken averages for three years prior to 1945-46" .

H.S.JUSSAIN SAHIB BAHADUR : - " Do these ex-Rulers possess any separate private property of their own, and if so, what is the income that they get from their private property ?"

MR. SPEAKER : - "The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI B.S.MURTHI : - " Sir, may I know whether the pri purses fixed in relation to the income of the ex-rulers , are to be continued to their heirs also ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI : - " I think the Government of India must be considering the matter in relation to all the States in India, not only with regard to States in our Province. ".

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR : - " May I know the amount that is disbursed apart from the privy purse, to the members of the family of the Nawab of Banganapalle ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI: - " There are several relations who are depending upon the Nawab of Banganapalle. I suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question."

SRI N.M.R.SUBBARAMAN : - " May I know what is the proportion of the general revenue that has been given as privy purse ? "

THE HON. SRI B.GOPALA REDDI : - " It is calculated on a tapering percentage - 15 per cent on the firs one lakh, 10 per cent on the next four lakhs and 7½ per cent on anything above that."

N.MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR : - "Is this privy purse free from income tax ?"

THE HON. SRI B.GOPALA REDDI : - " Income-tax is a Central subject." (Laughter.)

SRI D.V.RAMASWAMI : - " Does the Ruler of Sandur Stat come under this Category ?"

Mr. SPEAKER: - " Let the hon.Member put a separate question."

SRI S. NAGARAJA MANIGAR : - " May I know what has happended of the private property possessed by these ex-rulers ?

Mr. SPEAKER : - " This has already been answered."

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SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA : - " Is it a fact, Sir, that the Nawab of Banganapalle was drawing much less than what he is now being given. The amount that was previously fixed by himself was Rs. 48,000 per annum, whereas what is given now is much more ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI : - " Perhaps the hon. Member 's information is correct and the Governof India are obviously generous towards these people who have willingly come into the merger scheme."

SRI S. VAGAPPA : - " In view of the fact that the laws of the Madras Province will be applicable to these states, may I know whether the Samindari Act will be applicable to the landed property of these Rulers ?"

THE HON. SRI B.GOPALA REDDI : - " I do not know whether there are any zamindari estates in thes States and if there are, ultimately our laws will cover this case also."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : - " Besides this privy purse, may I know whether any special privileges have been offere to these ex-Rulers and if so, what they are ?"

THE HON. SRI B.GOPALA REDDI : - " I have no informati

SRI K. BRAHMANANDAM REDDI : - " With regard to this privy purse, may I know whether any agreement has been drawn up between the Rulers and the Government concerned and if so, is there any ~~XXXXXX~~ clause which provides for the revision of privy purse according to changed circumstances ? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI : - " I am afraid 6 that this matter must be addressed to the Government of India as wer are only acting as their agents and their authority is final in the matter."

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